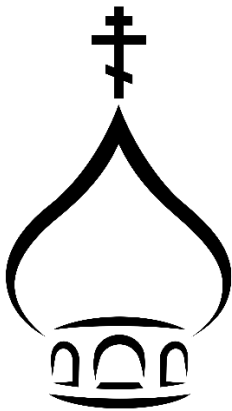


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*(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)*

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## "Lord I Call..."

(Tone 5) Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Hear me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Receive the voice of my prayer, when I call upon Thee! Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise in Thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice! Hear me, O Lord!

*(10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy Name.*

*(9) The righteous will surround me, for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.*

*(8) Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

*(7) Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

*(6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

*(5) For Thy Name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

**Tone 5**      *Idiomelon*      (from the Lenten Triodion)

I am rich in passions; I am wrapped in the false robe of hypocrisy. Lacking self-restraint, I delight in self-indulgence. I show a boundless lack of love. I see my mind cast down before the gates of repentance, starved of true goodness and sick with inattention. But make me like Lazarus, who was poor in sin, lest I receive no answer when I pray, no finger dipped in water to relieve my burning tongue; and make me dwell in Abraham's bosom in Thy love for man!

*(4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

**Tone 5**      *(from the Triodion, by Joseph)      (Rejoice, O Life-giving Cross)*

When Jesus was walking in the flesh beyond the River Jordan, He said to His companions: "My friend Lazarus is already dead and buried, but I rejoice for your sake, My friends. By his death you will learn that I know all, for I am God, even though I appear by nature as a man. Let us go and give life to him, so that death may truly know My victory and the total destruction I shall make of it, as I grant to the world My great mercy!"

*(3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

Let us imitate Mary and Martha, O faithful! Let us offer divine deeds to the Lord as intercessors, so that when He comes He may raise up our minds, for now they lie dead and feel no fear of God. They are deprived of all vital energy, unaware of their own inaction. Let us cry: "O Lord, Who hadst compassion on Thy friend Lazarus, raising him up by Thy dread presence and authority, so now give life to us all, and grant to us Thy great mercy!"

*(2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

**Tone 6**      *(from the Triodion, by Theodore)*

Now Lazarus has been in the tomb for two days, seeing the dead of all the ages, beholding strange sights of terror: countless multitudes bound by the chains of hell. His sisters weep bitterly as they gaze at his tomb, but Christ is coming to bring His friend to life, to implement in this one man His plan for all. Blessed art Thou, O Savior! Have mercy on us!

*(1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

## **Tone 5**      *(Theotokion)*

What hast thou come to resemble, O soul, always growing in what is worse, and senselessly adding wounds to thy many injuries so that thy whole body will be harmed, not being mindful that the Judge is drawing near, before Whom thou wilt stand, to receive sentence and retribution in accordance with thine actions? But turn and fall down before the Virgin, calling out: "O Lady, Sovereign Mistress, do not despise me, who have angered the all-merciful God Who was born of thee and was crucified in the flesh for the salvation of man!"

## **Tone 4**      **Prokeimenon**

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. *(Ps. 114:9)*

*I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplication. (Ps. 114:1)*

**Reading from Genesis** (43:26-31[*ending with: "Then he washed his face and came out, controlling himself.;* 45:1-16)

And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed down before him to the earth. Then he asked them about their well-being, and said, "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?" And they answered, "Your servant our father is in good health; he is still alive." And they bowed their heads down and prostrated themselves. Then he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, "Is this your younger brother of whom you spoke to me?" And he said, "God be gracious to you, my son." Now his heart yearned for his brother; so Joseph made haste and sought somewhere to weep. And he went into his chamber and wept there. Then he washed his face and came out; and he restrained himself, and said, "Serve the bread." Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Make everyone go

out from me!" So no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept aloud, and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard it. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. "But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. "For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. "And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. "So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. "Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph: "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry. "You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have. "There I will provide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for there are still five years of famine.'" "And behold, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my mouth that speaks to you. "So you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen; and you shall hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. Moreover he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Now the report of it was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, "Joseph's brothers have come." So it pleased Pharaoh and his servants well.

#### **Tone 4      Prokeimenon**

I will offer my prayers to the Lord / in the presence of all His people. (Ps. 115:5)

*I kept my faith, even when I said: "I am greatly afflicted." (Ps. 115:1)*

#### **Reading from Proverbs (21:23-22:4)**

Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles. A proud and haughty man - "Scoffer" is his name; he acts with arrogant pride. The desire of the lazy man kills him, for his hands refuse to labor. He covets greedily all day long, but the righteous gives and does not spare. The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination; how much more when he brings it with wicked intent! A false witness shall perish, but the man who hears him will speak endlessly. A wicked man hardens his face, but as for the upright, he establishes his way. There is no wisdom or understanding or counsel against the Lord. The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but deliverance is of the Lord. A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold. The rich and the poor have this in common, the Lord is the maker of them all. A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished. By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life.

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Prayers for the Health of the Servants of God:**

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**Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.**